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REQUEST FOR A THREE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby requests a three (3) month extension of time in the above-identified case so as to extend the period for filing an RCE Application to expire on December 25, 2003.

An extension for one month has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of \$55.00 is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested. Applicant encloses herewith a check in the amount of \$805.00 to cover the fee for filing this three (3) month extension of time and RCE application.

If any additional fees are required in connection with this case, it is respectfully requested that they be charged to Deposit Account No. 02-0184.

Respectfully submitted,

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